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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TREATMENT OF AMCIT ROGER FRANK IN SOVIET MEDICAL
FACILITY

FOR SCA/SCS AND EUR/SOV

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM SENATOR MARK HATFIELD TO EUGENE ZHAVKIN OF SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL, SAN FRANCISCO IN WHICH SENATOR HATFIELD REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN EXPEDITING THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO MR. LEONARD E. FRANK AND HIS SON ROGER FRANK. ATTACHED TO SENATOR HATFIELD'S LETTER IS CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. FRANK TO PRESIDENT FORD AND THE SENATOR EXPLAINING THAT ROGER FRANK IS PARALYZED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AND THAT HIS FAMILY WISHES TO HAVE HIM ADMITTED TO THE POLENOV INSTITUTE OF NEUROSURGERY IN LENINGRAD. EMBASSY TRANSMITTING COPIES OF ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE TO EUR/SOV.

2. EMBASSY HAS RESPONDED TO SENATOR HATFIELD STATING THAT WE WOULD TAKE UP VISA QUESTION WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH. SCIENCE COUNSELOR SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE TREATMENT OF ROGER FRANK IN THE USSR WITH O.P. SHCHEPIN, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, JANUARY 3. SHCHEPIN NOTED THAT SOVIET MEDICAL EXPERTS WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT'S MEDICAL FILE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON WHETHER TREATMENT IN THE USSR

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IS JUSTIFIED. SHCHEPIN STRESSED THAT THE MINISTRY

WOULD NOT WISH FOR THE FRANKS TO COME TO THE USSR UNTIL ROGER'S MEDICAL FILE HAD BEEN REVIEWED AND A DETERMINATION HAD BEEN MADE THAT THE PATIENT COULD BENEFIT FROM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AT THE POLENOV INSTITUTE.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM SENATOR HATFIELD AND THE FRANKS THAT AN OFFICIAL MEDICAL HISTORY OF ROGER FRANK'S INJURY AND SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT BE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THE POLENOV INSTITUTE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ASCERTAIN THE NATURE AND STATUS OF MR. FRANK'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH DR. YU. ZOTOV OF THE POLENOV INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD.

4. MR. FRANK'S ADDRESS IS: MR. LEONARD E. FRANK, 3325 S.W. RIDGEWOOD ROAD, PORTLAND, OREGON 97225.

5. FOR LENINGRAD: PLEASE CONTACT DR. ZOTOV TO DETERMINE WHAT TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO DATE WITH MR. FRANK FOR TREATMENT OF ROGER FRANK IN LENINGRAD.
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